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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 8350.0862-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Brian D. HOFF ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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Serial No.: To be assigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
 )  
Filed: February 7, 2002 )  
 )  
For: TENSION ADJUSTMENT )  
MECHANISM FOR A WORK )  
MACHINE )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please add the following new paragraph after the title of "TENSION  
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR A WORK MACHINE":

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No.  
60/342,370, filed December 27, 2001, entitled TENSION ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM  
FOR A WORK MACHINE, with inventor of Brian D. Hoff, which is incorporated herein by  
reference.

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**REMARKS**

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification to have Applicant's claim of priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/342,370, filed December 27, 2001, added to the specification.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to Caterpillar Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

Respectfully submitted,

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